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Dear Donald,

Lil and I are glad to get the good news in your letter, that you are happily married, with a child ^{and worth while} and a new job that you like. We hope you find the time to bring them over on one of your trips up.

You are working in an area that has been much on my mind in recent months, ^{public relations.} Because of my lack of it when I am no longer able to do my own. I'm 81 now and while still very productive, am severely limited in what I can do, for a number of medical reasons. And I've only recently learned that I have no functioning arteries in either leg. But there is no indication of gangrene.

A publisher has been sitting on what my friends ~~in~~ who are historians tell me is the best and the most important book on the JFK assassination since my first and has just butchered one that despite a single ad or any p.r. is doing well. It is Case Open. My mail on it is quite rewarding. But it is enormously less than what I wrote and what was eliminated was more important than what is getting this fine reaction.

Aside from the fact that the major media has always supported the official assassination mythology, it went as far as the most dishonest of all the bad books on the assassination, Case Closed, by Gerald Posner. So, if it reports or reviews the book that proves it was a deliberate fraud, a work of unequalled deliberate dishonesty, designed as a commercialization and exploitation of that great tragedy, it exposes itself. Thus not even a mention of it anywhere! Despite which the publisher is pleased with its sales.

If I remember correctly, you are working in fields that were of interest to you at Cornell. In fields that I think are important to the nation. ^{Good} God for you!

The first ^{labor} p.r. organization in Washington was started by a friend and another reporter I knew less well. When I could not get my first book published that friend made a suggestion that ultimately enabled me to get a printer when I had to publish myself and when the printer ^{who} ~~was~~ was to do it chickened out with the presses ready to roll. All of it was very unlikely but it did happen.

Did you know that Lil and I met when I was the editor of a subcommittee of the Senate Education and Labor Committee and she was on another Senate committee?

We'd like to see you and your wife and baby when you have the time. But because of the means I've worked out of coping with these medical problems I must get to bed very early, by six. I cannot help getting up very early. And it is having those very, very early hours entirely uninterrupted that has enabled me to do as much writing as I've done in the past two years, close to a million words in my effort to perfect the record for our history to the degree I can....Our best to you all,

Harold
Harold Weisberg